

## **Hazardous Waste Generator Fee Proposal**

DEM has conducted a stakeholder group to revise the Hazardous Waste Regulations. The focus of the group was on waste oil (now called used oil). The last meeting of that group was on November 18, 2004 where they discussed the issue of fees. DEM had indicated that if it were to drop used oil from the existing hazardous waste fee, an alternative would need to be presented that would make the proposal revenue neutral. The purpose of this meeting is to review this proposal concerning raising the hazardous waste generation fee.

At the end of the November 18th meeting the group thought that used oil should not be charged a fee. In addition used oil that was required to be on a manifest (this is unique to Massachusetts) should be exempt from the fee. The fee, however, would be charged to Massachusetts's waste codes for hazardous waste that this state requires to be transported on a manifest. In order for this proposal to be revenue neutral the hazardous waste fee would have to increase from the existing \$0.02 /lb and 16 cents / gallon to \$0.023 /lb. or 19 cents / gallon.

At the November 18th meeting, DEM distributed a draft proposal that discussed four options, i.e.,

1. Exempt used oil, not mixed with other hazardous waste, from the fee.
2. Exempt only used oil that is required to be on a manifest.
3. Continue with the current approach.
4. Assess a fee for all used oil, regardless of whether or not it is on a manifest, but at a lower rate than is now charged.

During the meeting one participant suggested that DEM should add another option, i.e., add a fee for burning used oil at large facilities.